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SUBJECT: MAJORITY GOVERNMENT FORMED IN FINLAND

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1. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN MAY 15 APPOINTED NEW FIVE-PARTY MAJORITY GOVERNMENT HEADED BY PREIMIN KALEVI SORSA (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT). GOVT. CONSISTS OF THREE CENTRIST PARTIES WHO FORMED OUTGOING MIETTUNEN III GOVERNMENT (CENTER, SWEDISH PEOPLES, AND LIBERAL PEOPLES PARTIES) PLUS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARY FRON (SKDL). PARTIES HOLD 153 OF 200 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS, HARDLINE COMMUNISTS MAY NOT SUPPORT GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER.

2. AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT FORMATION PROCEEDED STEADILY FOLLOWING MIETTUNEN RESIGNATION (REFTL) BUT WAS REACHED ONLY AFTER HARD NEGOTIATIONS OVER DISTRIBUTION OF THE 15 CABINET POSTS. FINAL COMPOSITION GIVES CENTER FIVE, SDP FOUR (INCLUDING PRIMIN), SKDL THREE, SWEDES ONE, AND
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LIBERALS ONE. SEVEN-SEVEN BALANCE BETWEEN LEFT AND NON-LEFT TIPS SLIGHTLY TOWARD NON-LEFT BECAUSE FIFTEENTH MEMBER IS CIVIL SERVANT CLOSE TO CENTER PARTY.

3. FOLLOWING IS NEW CABINET:

PRIME MINISTER - KALEVI SORSA, SDP, AGE 46, CHAIRMAN OF SDP AND FORMER PRIMIN (1972-75).

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND DEPUTY PRIMIN -
JOHANNES VIROLAINEN, CENTER, 63, CENTER PARTY CHAIR-
MAN AND FORMER PRIMIN (1964-66), HOLDOVER AS AGRICUL-
TURE MINISTER.

FOREIGN MINISTER - PAAVO VAYRYNEN, CENTER, 30, LABOR
MINISTER IN LAST GOVT.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE - TUURE SALO, LIBERAL , 56, FORMER MP,
MAYOR OF ROVANIEMI, FIRST CABINET POSITION.

MINISTER OF DEFENSE - TAISTO TAHKAMAA, CENTER, 52, MP;
FIRST CABINET POSITION.

MINISTER OF INTERIOR - EINO UUSITALO, CENTER, 52, HOLD-
OVER FROM LAST GOVT.

MINISTER OF FINANCE - PAUL PAAVELA, SDP, 46, HELD SAME
POSITION IN MIETTUNEN II GOVT.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF FINANCE - ESKO REKOLA, INDEPENDENT,
58, MINISTER OF FINANCE IN LAST GOVT.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION - KRISTIAN GESTRIN, SWEDISH, 48,
JUSTICE MINISTER IN LAST TWO GOVTS.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF EDUCATION - KALEVI KIVISTO, SKDL,
42, HELD SAME POSITION IN MIETTUNEN II GOVT.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS - VEIKKO SAARTO, SKDL, 42,
HELD SAME POSITION IN 1970-71.

MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS - PIRKKO TYOLAJARVI, SDP,
38, WAS ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN
MIETTUNEN II GOVT.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS - OLAVI MARTIKAINEN,
CENTER, 35, MP, FIRST CABINET POSITION.

MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY - EERO RANTALA, SDP, 35,
HELD SAME POSITION IN MIETTUNEN II GOVT.

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MINISTER OF LABOR - ARVO AALTO, SKDL, 45, GENERAL
SECRETARY OF FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY, FIRST CABINET
POSITION.

4. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT, ECONOMIC PROGRAM, AND BIO
INFO ON FOUR NEWCOMERS TO CABINET POSITIONS FOLLOW
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